

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I urge you to retain the Morse Code requirement for the Extra Class Amateur Radio License.

Attainment of this license class has always been, and should remain, a challenge for U.S. radio amateurs. The ability to communicate using Morse Code is a challenge that is grounded in an illustrious history of radio in the United States, and benefits the hobby in keeping this mode alive for future generations. Also, maintaining a radio amateur populace fluent in this mode is an invaluable asset to emergency communications at local, state, and national levels.

Further, the additional spectrum privileges provided by the Extra class license include the first 25 kHz of the HF amateur bands which are Morse Code (CW) only. Keeping the Morse Code requirement for the Extra Class license is consistent with these additional frequency allocations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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